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**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

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December 26, 2003

**LETTER OF DEFICIENCY #WSEB 03-303**  
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Jennifer Collins  
Continental Biomass Industries  
22 Whittier Street  
Newton, NH 03858

Subject: Newton – Public Water System: Continental Biomass Industries (EPA #1756040)

Dear Ms. Collins

The records of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) show that the Continental Biomass Industries water system is classified as a public water system (PWS), as defined by RSA 485:1-a. A PWS is defined as any water system serving 15 or more services, or 25 or more people for 60 or more days per year. As such, the water system owner is required to submit samples to the State laboratory or a State-certified laboratory for coliform bacteria analysis in compliance with NH Administrative Rule Env-Ws 325.

DES records show that Standard Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) violations for total coliform bacteria, as defined in NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 315.01 have occurred and that letters of violation were issued for the following months:

**November 2003 and December 2003**

DES believes the MCL violations can be corrected and future violations prevented by taking the following actions:

- 1 **By January 16, 2004**, retain the services of a qualified water system consultant to address the system's water quality problems relative to the recent bacteriological occurrences; and
- 2 **By January 30, 2004**, submit to DES for review a copy of the consultant's report which shall include recommendations to correct the bacteria contamination; and
- 3 **By February 13, 2004**, submit to DES for review and approval an implementation schedule which identifies specific dates by which steps to correct the bacteria contamination will be accomplished.

In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may take further enforcement action, including issuing an order requiring the deficiencies be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

The copy of the consultant's written report **and the implementation schedule** as requested above should be addressed as follows:

Anne S. Bailey  
Department of Environmental Services  
Water Supply Engineering Bureau  
6 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95  
Concord, NH 03302-0095

**Please be reminded to carry out the public notice requirements and provide proof of public notice to DES for the December 2003 MCL violation.**

Please contact Anne Bailey by phone at (603) 271-0672, or by e-mail at [abailey@des.state.nh.us](mailto:abailey@des.state.nh.us) if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rene Pelletier", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right. The signature is written over a light gray circular stamp that is partially visible.

Rene Pelletier, P.G., Manager  
Land Resource Programs

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cc: Gretchen Rule, DES Legal Unit  
Town of Newton Health Officer  
William Houser, Granite State Analytical, Primary Operator  
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